

## (House Joint Resolution 17)

House Joint Resolution commending the establishment of the Washington Metropolitan Area Council of Juvenile Court Judges and endorsing possibilities for a cooperative solving of juvenile problems in the political sub-divisions comprising Metropolitan Washington.

WHEREAS, The members of the General Assembly of Maryland have heard, with considerable interest, of the establishment of the Washington Metropolitan Area Council of Juvenile Court Judges, for a cooperative solving of the problems concerning young people in the large and populous areas comprised within Metropolitan Washington; and

WHEREAS, The need for a cooperative and joint approach to juvenile problems is typical of similar needs which have developed in many metropolitan areas throughout the country. In localities which have experienced rapid urban and suburban development, new homes and communities have sprung up over great areas which, a few years earlier, were in the open country. These new communities have been planned and constructed largely without regard to the artificial lines of political sub-division, so that with greater and greater frequency throughout this country, the great sprawling metropolitan areas are encountering common problems with diverse political sub-divisions; and

WHEREAS, The area of Metropolitan Washington is typical in this respect. It stems, of course, from the District of Columbia and encompasses at least two counties in Maryland and at least two counties and the City of Alexandria in Virginia; and

WHEREAS, One of the most persistent social problems encountered in urban and metropolitan localities is that of juvenile delinquency. It is a problem which has no political boundaries and one which may more effectively be prevented and alleviated by cooperative effort of the juvenile courts and other resources of the whole area; and

WHEREAS, For these reasons, the General Assembly of Maryland is pleased to offer its commendation and encouragement to the efforts being made throughout the several political sub-divisions by the Washington Metropolitan Area Council of Juvenile Court Judges to arrive at a cooperative approach and solution of this very fundamental and persistent problem which has become of such basic importance in a modern urban community; now, therefore, be it

*Resolved by the General Assembly of Maryland, That the members of this Body commend the establishment of the Washington Metropolitan Area Council of Juvenile Court Judges and are pleased to support and promote all efforts made by the Washington Metro-*

EXPLANATION: *Italics indicate new matter added to existing law.*

[Brackets] indicate matter stricken from existing law.

CAPITALS indicate amendments to bill.

~~Strike out~~ indicates matter stricken out of bill.